

Overcoming Obstacles by Faith

Matthew 17:14-27

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Main Point:

Overcome the obstacles in your life by trusting in the power and promises of your Savior.

1. Life is full of obstacles that test your faith in the Lord's power and promises.

2. Unlike you, when Jesus faced certain obstacles, He always overcame them.

3. Since Jesus overcame His obstacles, you are now able to overcome your obstacles in Him.

4. Trust your Savior and overcome the obstacles in your life!

Matthew 10:1 ¹ And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. (NKJV)

R.C. Sproul “Jesus was saying that the King of the temple is God. Jesus, therefore, as the Son of God, the Son of the King, was rightfully exempt from paying the temple tax. With this statement, Jesus was again declaring His identity as the Son of God.”

Galatians 4:4-5, 7 ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons ... ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son. (NKJV)

D.A. Carson “Jesus tells his disciples that what they need is not giant faith (tiny faith will do) but true faith – faith that, out of a deep, personal trust, expects God to work.”

Dan Doriani “Faith can move a mountain, not because of the strength of our faith but because of the strength of our Lord.”

J.C. Ryle “Once let our faith languish and decay, and all our graces will languish with it. Courage, patience, long-suffering, and hope, will soon wither and dwindle away: faith is the root on which they all depend.”

J.C. Ryle “Faith is the key to success in the Christian warfare: unbelief is the sure road to defeat.”

Zechariah 4:6-7a ⁶ So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: `Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. ⁷ `Who *are* you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain! (NKJV)